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Dulles Heads Largest Intelligence Group

When President Eisenhower came into power in 1953, he requested his close friend and associate "Beetle" Smith to leave the intelligence office and become his Under Secretary of State.

A new intelligence chief had to be found and the appointment went to a most brilliant and capable officer in the counter-espionage field: Allen Welsh Dulles.

Dulles was the man who had organized America's best listening posts in Europe during the war. He had also been in close touch with the anti-Hitler militarist group in Germany who had planned to kill the Fuehrer.

Allen Dulles, younger brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, looks more like the dean of a conservative American college than a cloak-and-dagger diplomat.

He has a high forehead, gray hair, and a gray mustache. He is the first civilian ever to head America's intelligence office. At sixty, he is a man of cultured tastes and cosmopolitan interests.

The organization which Dulles heads is, perhaps, the world's largest machine of reporters, researchers, agents and informers. There are on his payroll between fifteen and twenty thousand people, and the size of his annual budget and appropriations is kept secret.

He began to win attention in the field of intelligence when, as a twenty-three-year-old Princeton graduate, he was sent to the United States Embassy in Vienna. His first job was to work with the opposition forces in Austria and engineer a break with the German Alliance.

Though that mission was not successful, the experience and contacts Dulles acquired stood him in good stead when, thirty years later, in World War II, he was given a somewhat similar assignment that helped to bring about the surrender of Italy. It was largely through his efforts that the opposition Italian military leaders broke with Hitler and Mussolini.

Between the two wars he was

just a plain lawyer who enjoyed his work. When World War II began, Dulles teamed up with the Office for Strategic Services under General "Wild Bill" Donovan. He went to North Africa and established a beachhead for American intelligence long before the landings of American and British troops.

Dulles traveled all over Europe as a special assistant to the United States Minister at Bern, Switzerland—a perfect cover for the work he was doing. It has been said all his equipment was inside one briefcase: a special code book to contact Washington and an enormous amount of United States currency in small denominations with which to buy information.

In one spectacular case which was kept secret until recently, however, Dulles did not pay for information. Through his skill in planting a spy in the Ribbentrop foreign office in Berlin, American intelligence headquarters received thousands of documents.

This spy was known as "George" and he successfully posed as a fanatic Nazi and racist, a superman in Nazi uniform from the day the war started. It was through this man that the "special assistant" in Bern received copies of many important Nazi papers and decisions. It was, indeed, a fabulous operation.

Thanks to "George," the Allies also learned of secret German radio stations in Dublin, Ireland, and of orders for submarine attacks on troop transports. It was through this same spy that the Allies were able to crack the famous spy case of Cicero—of Five Fingers fame.

Cicero was the butler in the British Ankara Embassy who stole the safe key from his master, copied it, and microfilmed many secret documents, including the Yalta and Teheran agreements.

At a time when the free world was all out anti-Nazi and anti-German, it became Dulles' great task to approach the opposition in the German Wehrmacht. He worked through a contact with the Swiss

vice consul of the German Zurich consulate, Hans Gisevius, who was in the employ of Admiral Canaris and had become a ringleader in the plot to assassinate Hitler.

Dulles was helpful in providing his German underground with assistance of great importance. But it was not easy for Dulles to convince his superiors that with the death of Hitler the opposition group would be willing to sue for peace.

This man of many skills and many more contacts is now head of the military intelligence departments for 160,000,000 Americans.

He has appointed teams to study China's new "brain-washing" methods. He also has started to organize units which the Communists seem to fear more than anything else: underground groups in Korea and Manchuria, China and Poland, Romania and Karelia, Bulgaria and Albania — wherever the satellites rule for the Russian Communist empire.

But he seems more cautious than some of his Congressional colleagues in the employment of ex-Nazis and ex-Communists.

Dulles was well aware of the Communist "brain-washing" of American prisoners in Korea immediately after it began.

In a speech at Princeton University, his alma mater, he said:

"I have talked with one man who has gone through the brain-washing process, an eminent American missionary in China.

"This man described how he had been subjected for 75 days to the monotony of interrogation, mostly during the night hours, by relays of brutal questioners, deprived of sleep and subjected to the effect of bright lighting during the period of his questioning.

"As far as he knew, no drugs were used, but of course they might have been used without his knowing it. In this case, no direct physical torture was applied.

"After many days of this interrogation his mind was broken down and he went into court and gave what he now recognizes to be completely false testimony against one of his fellow missionaries, asserting with confidence that this other missionary had a concealed radio with which he was communicating with the enemy."

"He gave this testimony with vigor and with what, at the time, was apparent complete confidence in its truth."

What can the free West do against such "confessions" and the new fifth column?

Allen Welsh Dulles believes we must go to the people of every Communist-occupied nation, to the people who still believe in freedom, and help them to organize their own freedom legions, underground and undercover workers. This new revolutionary elite may one day be ready to overthrow the foreign Communist masters and restore a system in which men can live in dignity and freedom.

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habitants of Their Country.